

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A fluid quick connector for joining first and second fluid operative elements in fluid flow communication, the quick connector comprising:

a first housing having a through bore, the first housing adapted to be fluidically coupled to a first fluid operative element;

seal means mounted in the through bore of the first housing for sealing engagement with a second fluid operative element inserted into the bore;

a second housing having a bore for receiving the second element therethrough;

a retainer mountable in the second housing for lockingly coupling the second element to the second housing;

the first housing having an annular recess spaced from a first end of the first housing and opening to the through bore, the recess defining a radially intumed lip at the first end;

a plurality of separate latch fingers extending axially from one end of the second housing, each having a radially outward extending projection defining an adjacent recess;

the lip of the first housing engagable in the ~~recess~~ recesses on the second housing and the ~~projection~~ projections on the latch fingers engaging the recess in the first housing to connect the first and second housings ~~relative~~ to each other while permitting rotational displacement of the first and second housings relative to each other; and

a collar extending axially from the projection on each latch finger, the ~~collar~~ collars retaining the seal means in the first housing when the first and second ~~housing~~ housings are joined together.

2. (Original) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein:

the projections on the plurality of latch fingers define a discontinuous annular surface.

3. (Original) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein:
the collars on the plurality of latch fingers define a discontinuous annular surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein:
~~the collar is defined as a plurality of discrete collars~~, each collar is
formed axially coextensively with one of the latch fingers.

5. (Original) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein:
the first housing has an enlarged portion at the first end, the recess and the lip formed in the enlarged portion.

6. (Currently Amended) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein the second housing further comprises:
~~the~~ a transverse bore for receiving the retainer.

7. (Currently Amended) The quick connector of claim 6 further comprising:
an annular recess formed in the second housing opening to the transverse bore, the annular recess receiving an enlarged flange on the second element when the retainer is in ~~the~~ a latched position in the second housing.

8. (Original) The quick connector of claim 1 wherein the plurality of latch fingers are bendably formed on the second housing.

9. (Currently Amended) The quick connector of claim 8 wherein each of the latch fingers further comprises:

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a ramp surface operatively engagable with the lip on the first housing to effect bending of the latch ~~finger~~ fingers.